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1. (Amended) A fixture system comprising:

a base having at least one set of support brackets;

a first support member, adapted for connection to at least one [set] of the support

brackets, wherein the support member includes a shaft having a threaded coupling joined thereto;

a first connector, extending through one of the set of support brackets and the shaft, for  
securing the support member to the one set of support brackets; and

a rod having a first end and a second end, wherein the first end is coupled to the coupling.

6. (Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the coupling [is threaded and] is welded to the  
shaft.

22. (Amended) A fixture system comprising:

a first rod having a first end and a second end;

a housing having a channel and a housing coupling, wherein the second end of the first rod is coupled to the housing coupling;

a first support member having a shaft and a coupling, wherein the shaft is coupled [to] within the channel of the housing; and

a second rod having a first end and a second end, wherein the first end of the second rod is coupled to the coupling of the support member.

38. (Amended) A base, comprising:

an elongate body having a first end and a second end;

a first set of support brackets positioned adjacent the first end and a second set of support brackets positioned adjacent the second end, wherein each set of support brackets includes a thru-hole[, and a fastener]; and

a threaded aperture in the elongate body between the first and second ends [of the base].

39. ( Amended) The base [plate] of claim 38, wherein the support brackets further include a fastener [is affixed to the channel,] proximate the thru-hole.